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2. The army, however, is continuing its anti-Communist action. Arrests of Communist officials have continued, including those who came out of hiding to attend the Anti-Foreign Military Bases Conference, as well as leaders of the Communist-controlled and once powerful Indonesian Journalist Association. It is now reported that the Djakarta army order that banned activities of the PKI and its affiliates also requires Communist leaders at all levels in the Djakarta area to report to the police or military authorities. The Djakarta order omits from the ban the Communist labor affiliate, SOBSI. Possibly this is an attempt to discourage labor unrest, particularly in the critical area of food distribution.

3. Various reports indicate that the army is now beginning to press for the purge of Foreign Minister Subandrio. Army leaders are convinced of the Subandrio's complicity in the coup attempt.

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4. A Djakarta newspaper, controlled by the Indonesian Foreign Ministry, yesterday published an editorial which implied Sukarno's responsibility for the current disorder. The article criticized Sukarno's shifting of the political balance in favor of the Communists and recommended that in the future Sukarno delegate more power and authority to others. The appearance of this editorial, inconceivable before 30 September, points out Sukarno's diminished stature.

5. Air Force Chief of Staff Marshal Dani, who was deeply involved in the 30 September coup, left Indonesia yesterday, apparently to carry out a minor assignment in Europe. His departure fulfills only in part the army's demand for a cleanup of the air force.

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